

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to issue electronic passports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ( SHRI E. AHAMED )

(a & b) The Government has to examine the feasibility of the proposal from its technical, financial and operational aspects since it is a very major project that has several ramifications and will have to be implemented all over the country and in Indian Missions/Posts abroad.

(c) Does not arise.